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WITH MOROCCO

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1. MAURITANIAN NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, DURING APRIL 19
EXTRAORDINARY SESSION, UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED THREE FOLLOWING
BILLS CONCERNING RELATIONS WITH MOROCCO: (A) AUTHORIZING
RATIFICATION OF CONVENTION RELATIVE TO DEMARCATION OF
FRONTIER BETWEEN MOROCCO AND MAURITANIA; (B) AUTHORIZING
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RATIFICATION OF ECONOMIC COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN

MAURITANIA AND MOROCCO; AND (C) AUTHORIZING RATIFICATION OF PROTOCOL FOR IMPLEMENTING CULTURAL, SCIENTIFIC, TECHNICAL AND ECONOMIC AGREEMENT SIGNED FEBRUARY 2, 1972, BETWEEN MAURITANIA AND MOROCCO.

2. FRONT PAGE OF APRIL 20 GOVERNMENT-CONTROLLED CHAAB SHOWS MAP OF MAURITANIA, DELINEATING NEW FRONTIER IN FORMER SPANISH SAHARA BETWEEN MOROCCO AND MAURITANIA. ROUGHLY DRAWN BORDER APPEARS TO CORRESPOND WITH DETAILED ACCOUNT OF BORDER REPORTED REF. (B). NEVERTHELESS, GIRM HAS STILL NOT ANNOUNCED PRECISE LOCATION OF NEW FRONTIER. SAME ISSUE OF CHAAB REPORTED COMMENTS AT PUBLIC MEETING IN DAKHLA APRIL 18 BY MINISTER OF STATE FOR INTERNAL SOVEREIGNTY SALAH EXHORTING PEOPLE TO SUPPORT GIRM POLICY. SALAH EMPHASIZED THAT BORDER ACCORD "CONFORMS TO HISTORIC, GEORGRAPHIC REALITIES OF THE REGION, REALITIES WHICH PERMIT US TO UNITE TODAY IN A SINGLE NATION, IN THE CONTEXT OF A SINGLE STATE, AROUND ONE NATIONAL LEADER." SALAH ADDED THAT THE CENTRAL TASK NOW IS DEVELOPMENT OF THE REGION OF TIRIS EL GHARBIA AT ALL LEVELS.HANDYSIDE

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